## **RESOURCES**

IASL provides many ways to connect school librarians from around the world, including its website, listserv, social media, the Annual Conference, and other networking opportunities.

Resources also include the GiggleIT Project for global student writing through school libraries. More information can be found at iasl-online. org/advocacy/GiggleIT.

This free international writing project helps teacher-librarians promote their students' creativity, humor, and personal knowledge as they publish for a worldwide audience.



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# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANSHIP



"... because every child deserves a great school library and a qualified school librarian."

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ounded in 1971, the
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School Librarianship is a global
network of people who are interested
in developing and advocating for
school library media programs and
services.

Its members include librarians, school library media specialists, educators, publishers, institutions, and associations.

IASL inspires, connects, and contributes to school libraries and librarianship through its conferences, publications, resources, advocacy, and awards programs.

# **CONFERENCE**

IASL holds its Annual Conference and Research Forum jointly with school library associations around the world, in locations including Japan, the Netherlands, Russia, Indonesia, Qatar. Regional conferences have also convened in Italy, Zimbabwe, the United States of America, and Jamaica in recent years.

# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) give IASL members global opportunities to exchange ideas and stay informed about noteworthy developments in school librarianship within a specific topic. IASL SIGs currently include:

- Advocacy
- Children's and Young Adult Literature
- International Development
- Information Literacy
- Information and Communication Technologies
- International Focus
- School Library Education
- School Library Research

For details on each SIG, visit iasl-online,org/about/leadership/sigs.html.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

#### School Libraries Worldwide

A research and professional journal published twice per year. Each issue is based on a theme of interest to people involved in school librarianship around the world.

#### IASL Newsletter

Our newsletter is published several times each year containing articles, news, announcements, and general information for IASL members.

Various conference proceedings are also available. Visit iasl-online.org/meetings/info. html for more details.

## **AWARDS**

IASL presents annual awards which recognize excellence in school library practice, promote research in school librarianship, provide funding for library books in regions where school libraries are being developed, support rising leaders through travel grants for IASL conferences, and encourage technology use. IASL awards are open to members and nonmembers alike.

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# **ADVOCACY**

International School Library Month (ISLM) is held annually in October to celebrate the importance of school libraries. ISLM connects schools from around the world through the Bookmark



Exchange project and Skype sessions are popular ways for students to connect.

The School Libraries Make a Difference campaign contains links to research reports and other documents showing that school libraries have a positive impact on student achievement and learning.

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